

mast sections, while the present claims have been narrowed to exclude such constructions, having limitations that the mast assembly include nonpayload carrying intermediate sections for protecting the payload when the mast assembly is retracted.

Because the Recapture Rule is not believed to be applicable, Claims 1 - 17 of the present application are believed allowable.

CONCLUSION

Because the Examiner in prosecuting the reissue application indicated that substantially identical claims were valid over the prior art, and because the Recapture Rule is not believed to be applicable in the present instance, the claims now in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance and early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. If there are any remaining issues that need to be resolved, it is respectfully requested that a telephone call be placed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

DRUMMOND & DUCKWORTH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Duckworth", written in a cursive style.

David G. Duckworth
Registration No. 39,516
Attorney for Applicant
Telephone: (949) 724-1255